

July 25, 2014
Maine Milk Commission Meeting Minutes
Deering Building, Room 233
Augusta, Maine 04333

Notices for the July 25, 2014 meeting were distributed to Commission members, intervenors and other interested parties on June 19, 2014 and sent to the Secretary of State's Office for posting on June 19, 2014.

Commission Present: Mike Wiers, Colon Durrell, Richard Cook, Stanley Millay and Matt Randall, *ex-officio*

Commission Absent: None

Department Officials: Ellis Additon

Staff Present: Tim Drake, Executive Director and Carol Gauthier, Office Associate

Legal Counsel: Not Present

Others Present: Tom Brigham of Oakhurst Dairy, John Blake, H.P. Hood, Shelley F. Doak, Maine Grocers Association, Julie-Marie Bickford, Fred Hardy and Dale Cole of MDIA, Douglas Carr, of Carr Consulting, Cheryl Beyeler, Maine Dairy Promotion and Maine Dairy Nutrition Boards, Dave Stonesifer, Herbein & Co. Clayton Davis, DFA/DMS, Bill Randall, Agri-Mark, Jon Olsen, Maine Farm Bureau and Kasandra Foster and Mary Frank, members of the public.

Chairman Wiers called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

Agenda Item 1: Minutes: Richard Cook made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 19, 2014 meeting, Colon Durrell seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Agenda Item 2: Lauren Parker, Assistant Attorney General:
Not Present

Agenda Item 3: Minimum Prices:

Tim Drake reported that a prevailing premium of \$1.10/cwt. on Class I for August 2014, Dairy Marketing Services (DMS) and AgriMark Coop had been reported. In addition to this premium, DMS and AgriMark reported that an additional \$0.43/cwt for milk that comes from producers who do not treat their cows with the rBST hormone will be in effect. Federal Order One Class I price for August is \$27.12, an increase of \$0.85/cwt. He explained that a schedule was prepared using this information plus a producer cost of production adjustment (COPA) of \$1.16/cwt. He stated that this price schedule was for informational purposes and that the Commission was not bound to it, and should make their pricing determination after hearing testimony.

Chairman Wiers asked for testimony.

Julie-Marie Bickford noted that even with high class I prices the blend price was lower and resulted in lower producer pay.

Stan Millay made a motion to accept order #08-14 with a producer margin of \$1.16/cwt.

Colon Durrell seconded the motion.

Chairman Wiers called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Agenda Item 4: Maine Monthly Price Survey: The Commission reviewed the Maine price survey for July 2014 which showed retail prices for Augusta, Scarborough, South Portland, Brunswick, Biddeford, Bangor and Brewer. The June survey by IAMCA was also reviewed.

Agenda Item 5: Next Scheduled Meetings:

- August 21, 2014, 10:30 a.m.
Room 233, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Augusta ME
- September 18, 2014, 10:30 a.m.
Room 233, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Augusta ME
- October 23, 2014, 10:30 a.m.
Room 233, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Augusta ME
- November 20, 2014, 10:30 a.m.
Room 233, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Augusta ME

Agenda Item 6: Other:

1. **Monthly Financial Report:** The financial report FY14 was reviewed.

Agenda Item 7: Executive Session: None

Adjourned: Adjourned; 10:45 a.m. July 25, 2014.
Tim Drake, Maine Milk Commission